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SUBJECT: 60 SHELL HOSTAGES RELEASED, 7 EXPATS STILL HELD IN
AKWA IBOM

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11. The seven expatriate employees of ExxonMobil contractors kidnapped October 3 in Akwa Ibom remain hostages; no American citizens are involved in this incident. On October 12 the British Deputy High Commission confirmed that all 60 oil workers taken hostage October 10 at a Shell logistics base in Bayelsa State were released. (Note: It has been confirmed that 60 individuals, not 10-20 as previously reported (ref), were held at a Shell facility adjacent to a small naval base, both of which were attacked by youths on October 10. End Note.) No Americans were involved in this incident.
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